



Department of Energy
Southeastern Power Administration
Elberton, Georgia 30635-6711

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

PROPOSED ACTION: Proposed rate adjustment for the Cumberland System of Projects.

LOCATION: Cumberland System of Projects

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION: Southeastern Power Administration is proposing new rate schedules to replace existing rate schedules for Southeastern's Cumberland System of Projects. The new rate schedules would become effective October 1, 2011.

The Cumberland System of Projects consists of nine projects in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. Power is marketed in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, and North Carolina. Total Capacity available from the projects is 960,000 kilowatts. Of this amount, 950,000 kilowatts is allocated to preference customers.

Southeastern is proposing to increase rates in the Cumberland System by forty percent. The new rates would be effective for the period from October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2013.

CX TO BE APPLIED (from Section D, DOE NEPA Guidelines):
Appendix B4.3 - Rate changes for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based on a change in revenue requirements if the operations of generation projects would remain within normal operating limits.

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for the CX reference above. Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

Signature: _____

Kenneth E. Legg

Title: Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration

Date: _____

8/30/2011